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(*b*) the number of disputes settled during 1954; and

(*c*) the number of disputes still pending?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Ninety-one.

(*b*) Seventy-one.

(*c*) Eight disputes were pending on 3th June 1955.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: இம்மாதிரி ஏராளமான கேஸ்கள் " பெண்டிங் " கில் இருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? ஏன் அவைகள் " அட்ஜுடிகேஷ " னுக்கு " ரெபர் " பண்ணப்படவில்லை என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இம்மாதிரி பெண்டிங்கில் இருக்கின்றன என்று அங்கத்தினர்கள் சொல்கிறார்கள். மொத்தம் 91 தொழிற் தகராறுகளில் 8 தகராறுகள்தான் பெண்டிங்கில் இருக்கின்றன என்று நான் பதில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். ஆகையால், இது ஒரு அதிகம் இல்லை.

Propaganda against untouchability

* 2586 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Harijan Welfare Department issued propaganda wall posters depicting imprisonment as the legal consequence under Article 17 of the Constitution of India for practice of untouchability;

(*b*) how many posters were printed and where and at what cost;

(*c*) why the Government subsequently withdrew the posters;

(*d*) whether the posters were approved by the Government before issue; and

(*e*) whether a copy of the poster would be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) 30,125 posters were printed at the Rangam Brothers, Royapetta, Madras, at a cost of Rs. 5,000.

(*c*) There were some comments in the press as well as from individuals and organizations for and against the poster. The intention of the Government in issuing the poster was not to wound the feelings of any particular section of the people or create any unseemly controversy over the subject. Further display of the posters was therefore stopped.

(*d*) No, Sir.

(*e*) A copy [a] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Posters not printed as Appendix.